

Solano County Projection Highlights

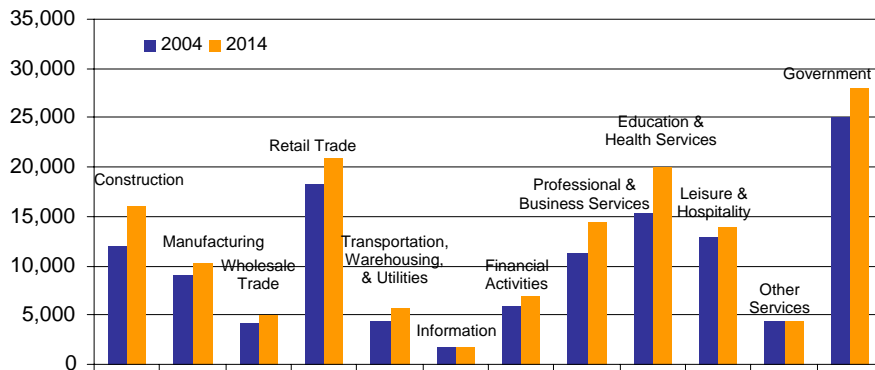
Industry

Total employment, including Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Farm Employment and, Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, in Solano County is expected to grow at 1.8 percent annually between 2004 and 2014, higher than the 1.6 percent forecasted for California. The overall growth will add 24,500 new jobs, bringing Solano County's total employment to 162,900 by 2014.

Nonfarm employment, about 90 percent of total employment, is expected to grow 1.9 percent annually for the next ten years. Seventy five percent of all new wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Education and Health Services (20%), Construction (17%), Professional and Business Services (13%), Government (13%), and Retail Trade (12%).

Construction is forecasted to be the fastest growing major industry sector with an annual growth rate of 3.3 percent, higher than the 1.9 percent annual growth rate forecasted for Construction statewide. Other major industry sectors expected to grow faster than the California annual growth rate are Education and Health Services (3.1%) and, Professional and Business Services (2.7%).

The graph below shows the number of jobs per major industry sector in Solano County.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2004 to 2014 forecast:

- About 24,500 new jobs from industry growth.
- Approximately 34,300 job openings from Net Replacements.
- A combined total of nearly 58,800 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 60 percent of all job openings in Solano County during the 2004-2014 period. These occupations are expected to generate approximately 34,000 total job openings. While many of these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations such as Retail Salespersons, Cashiers, and Laborers and Freight, Stock, Material Movers, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations such as Carpenters, Registered Nurses, and General and Operations Managers are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten-year period.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 2.6 percent or more. Occupations in the Construction, Education, Health, Scientific, and Government fields are among the top fifty fastest growing occupations. Half of these occupations require education beyond high school and some pay from \$30 to \$50 per hour.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

